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Coldwater Baptist Association

1925

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Grape Creek Church
Sept. 15-16

County Organizer for 1926 Campaign
Rev. W. M. McLeod
Hernando Route #1.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
SEPT. 16 AND 17
1925

OFFICERS

Moderator ..... J. W. LEE
Clerk ..... J. S. BARNETT
Treasurer ..... T. P. FLYNN
Preacher ..... BRO. N. A. SPENCER
Alternate ..... Bro. J. E. OEFF
Doctrinal ..... BRO. J. B. LEE
Alternate ..... BRO. R. A. COOPER

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. N. A. Spencer.
Member of the State Board, Dr. A. E. Emerson.

The Next Session of the Association will be Held with Grays Creek Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Following Second Sunday of September, 1926

Supplement :—
W. M. U. Superintendent Mrs. Wm. McCha
Young Peoples Leader — Mrs. M. M. Fulmer
Secretary — Mrs. A. L. Emerson
Mission Study Leader — Mrs. Harry Wheeler
Personal Service — Mrs. Farrior

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Received: Baptism	Received: Letter	Received: Restoration	Received: Statement	Dismissed: Letter	Dismissed: Exclusion	Dismissed: Death	Present Membership	Contribution for Local Purposes	Contribution for Denominational Purposes	Sunday School Enrollment	Contribution through Sunday School	Clerk Minutes and Clerk
Eudora	9	--	--	--	3	--	1	35	$ 210 00	$ 107 99	88	$ 40 00	$ 5 54
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Hernando	10	5	1	--	5	1	--	28	194 30	5328 18	134	368 24	15 00
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*No school reported.
†Union School.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Coldwater Association met in its eighty-fourth session with New Prospect Church September 16th and 17th, 1925.

Services began by singing "'All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Devotional exercise conducted by Brother R. A. Cooper. On motion the following named were elected officers for this session: Rev. J. W. Lee, Moderator; J. S. Barnett, Clerk; and T. P. Flynn, Treasurer. On motion all pastors present were granted full privilege as messengers of the association.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Committee on Committees, as follows: Brethren Dr. A. L. Emerson, W. L. Browning, Z. H. Nail.

The following named brethren were appointed on committee on Finance and Digest of Letters—B. P. Gooch, T. P. Flynn, and J. T. Livingston; Committee on Nominations—brethren C. E. Emerson, C. M. King and C. M. Dunaway. The following named brethren were appointed on committees to report at the 1926 session of this association, on Missions, R. A. Cooper; on Education, W. M. Magehee; on Social Service, N. A. Spencer.

The association recognized Brother J. R. Carter of the Baptist Orphanage by asking him to preach the associational sermon. After reading the 6th Chapter of John Dr. Carter preached a great sermon on "Love and Compassion of our Lord." Dismissed for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon session began by singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Nominating Committee reported that there would be no night service and that Brother Magehee would preach at 10 o'clock tomorrow. Report adopted.

Report on the State Baptist Hospitals was read by Brother Joe Brigance. Dr. Emerson spoke of the good work of the Baptist Hospital at Memphis.

The clerk read report on our Orphanage which was ably discussed by Dr. Carter the Superintendent.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Brother Z. H. Nail, discussed by Brethren J. W. Lee and Dr. Carter.

On motion all the reports on social service were adopted.

The subject of Temperance was discussed by Brother Janey.

The report on the Digest of Letters was read by Brother Gooch and adopted by motion.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Brother W. M. Magehee; on State Missions by Brother C. M. King. On motion the report on Home Missions to be submitted by Brother P. B. Gooch be adopted and Clerk authorized to have same published in the minutes of this session.

The mission reports were discussed by Brethren King, R. A. Cooper, Dr. Carter.

Subject left open for further discussion.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Brother Spencer.

SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION

Meeting opened by singing, "More about Jesus." Devotional exercises conducted by Brother O. E. Oeff, reading from the first chapter of Acts.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and adopted.

The subject of Missions was discussed by Brethren R. A. Cooper, W. M. Magehee and J. S. Deaton.

On motion all mission reports were adopted.

Sermon by W. M. Magehee, subject, "Evangelism." Motion to adjourn for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Services began by singing and prayer.

The report on Education read by Brother R. A. Cooper. Report on Woman's College read by Mrs. Nina Dunaway. Report on Blue Mountain College read by Mrs. C. E. Emerson.

On motion the above reports were adopted after being discussed by Brethren Proff, Gooch, R. A. Cooper, J. S. Deaton, C. E. Emerson and J. W. Lee.

The report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. read by the clerk and C. W. Emerson respectively. Discussed by C. W. Emerson, J. W. Deaton and W. A. Spencer.

Motion to adopt the above reports.

On motion the clerk was instructed to make mention of the call and going to Chile as Foreign missionaries the beloved pastor of Hernando Church and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Mayer, their expenses being paid by one individual of North Carolina.

Report on W. M U. read by Mrs. Harry Wheeler, discussed by the Moderator.

The W. M. U. failed to hold a meeting at this session on ac-

count of having no place in which to meet. Some splendid reports were sent up. The Hernando W. M. U. reported that they had contributed to all causes the sum of $1152.10. The association extended thanks to the community for the royal entertainment of the association.

On motion the clerk was allowed the sum of $25.00 for his service.

REPORTS

(Owing to the number and length of the reports only a few things will be noted here that were contained in them.—Clerk.)

Foreign Mission Report.

There were twelve thousand one hundred and thirty four people baptized into the membership of our foreign field last year. The board reported to the convention in Memphis a debt of one million two hundred fifty thousand. The board is now holding back more than one hundred volunteers who are ready to go to the front. The remedy for this distressing situation is for the churches to put on the unified budget.

Home Mission Report.

The board was organized in 1845. For the last twenty five years the advance in home missions has been at times remarkable, and always continuous and healthy, reaching its highest point in 1920. The first year of the 75 million campaign. Since that time due to the falling off of receipts the board has made drastic retrenchments in many phases of its work. Notwithstanding the retrenchments made the Board presents a year of wonderful results; with 1077 missionaries they report 49219 weeks of labor; 2381 churches and stations; 144,087 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptism; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or repaired; 608 Sunday schools organized.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The hospital is nearing the close of its fifteenth year. During that time it has cared for hundreds of patients, the free work alone running into thousands of dollars.

Report of Relief and Annuity shows that it paid out to a thousand eighty-six beneficiaries the grand total of $137,124.93.

The immediate need of the board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone $100,000 per year in addition to what the board would get from the regular budget.

Mississppi Baptist Orphanage now has in the home 177 children, has an eight month school, a good Sunday school and a good intermediate and junior B. Y. P. U. 19 of them were baptized this year. They are looking to the churches for their living.

Seminaries.

Southern Baptists are maintaining more than 100 seminaries, training schools colleges and academies. During the 75 million campaign and through the instrumentality of that campaign Southern Baptists distributed to these schools $16,087,942.07.

All of our state colleges reported full of pupils and in good condition.

Report of the Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance.

We the committee on digest of letters and finance submit the following report:

Total membership of churches last report	693	
Total increase in membership	117	
Total of decrease in membership	64	
Showing net gain	53	
Present membership	746	
Churches contributing for local expenses		$ 5,533.19
Given to missions and benevolence		6,137.25
Total		$11,670.44
Amount sent with letter for missions and benevolence		$60.70
Minutes and clerk		62.09
Amount paid to treasurer		$122.79

B. P. Gooch, Chairman.

COMMITTIES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Christian Education.

Mississippi College	Whitley Emerson
Blue Mountain	Mrs. Harry Wheeler
Woman's College	Mrs. C. P. Dockery
Clark College	W. A. Shackelford
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Katheryn Baxter
W. M. U.	Mrs. A. L. Emerson
Sunday Schools	Hugh Foster

Missions.

Foreign	C. P. Dockery
Home	J. E. Eoff
State	J. W. Lee

Social Service.

Orphanage	J. B. Riley
Hospitals	Dr. A. L. Emerson
Ministerial Relief	C. E. Emerson
Temperance	John Lewis McElroy

List of Our Dead.

J. C. Droke	Olive Branch
J. W. Jones	Hernando
Mrs. Jim Hill	Byhalia
W. H. Bolton	Horn Lake

CONSTITUTION OF COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as **THE COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI.**

Art. 2. The purpose of this Association shall be that the churches composing it may take counsel together through their representatives, as to the best and most efficient means of advancing the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; to receive and perpetuate information concerning the statistical, financial and spiritual condition of the churches; to suggest and advise as to the best means of promoting the interests of all institutions fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi and to more closely unify the work of the churches.

Art. 3. The officers of this Associationshall be Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, at each meeting of the Association, each accredited delegate to be entitled to a vote.

Art. 4. The duties of the Moderator shall be to call the meeting to order, to preside over the deliberations of the body when in session, to appoint such committees as may be necessary and to discharge all the duties usually required of the presiding officer of deliberative bodies.

Art. 5. The duties of the Clerk shall be to receive and file all letters or other communications delivered to him by the messengers, to faithfully record the proceedings of the Association, and to prepare and have printed and distributed all committee reports, statistical tables and such other proceedings and information, as may be deemed useful and helpful to the churches, and to preserve all permanent records of the Association.

Art. 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all money that may be sent up by the churches or otherwise contributed, to disburse the same under the instructions of the Association in accordance with the purpose for which said money was designed.

Art. 7. The meeting of the Association shall be held annually at such time and place as may be designated by the members when in session, provided, that in the event any annual meeting shall not be held at the time or place designated, then the officers of the Association may name a time and place for the meeting.

Art. 8. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by the several churches from among their own members, who shall present letters of correspondence from their respective churches showing their election as messengers, the number of members in fellowship, the number received during the preceding year by baptism, by letter, by restoration, the number dismissed by letter, excluded, suspended or died, and the amounts contributed by the church to all objects during the year.

Art. 9. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall be entitled to five messengers until membership exceeds fifty and one messenger for each additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

Art. 10. Churches of this Association failing to have a representative at any meeting will be expected to state the reacon for such failure at the next meeting, and if any church shall fail for three consecutive meetings to have a representative, the Association may consider it dropped from the roll of membership, or my send a committee to inquire into the state of the church as the Association may deem advisable.

Art. 11. Other Baptist churches may be admitted to this union by signifying their desire to do so, by messengers and letters, provided they be deemed orderly and othordox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art. 12. The funds necessary for the expenses of the Association, such as printing minutes, paying the Clerk and other incidental expenses shall be furnished by voluntary contributions and the churches are advised to send by their messengers to each annual meeting a contribution for such purposes.

Art. 13. Any church may be at liberty to send up to the Association such funds as it may think proper, for missions, Bible or benevolent institutions, which shall be forwarded as they may be designated by the church sending the same, and if no directions be given by the church or sender, then the Association may direct the manner of its distribution.

Art. 14. This Association shall not legislate for the churches, or adopt any rules and regulations inconsistent with the independence of the churches, but may advise churches, or may separate from such as are known to walk disorderly.

Art. 15. Any church of this Association, having a difficulty which it cannot settle, may present the same to the Association for suggestion and advise. Such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence stating the reasons why it cannot be settled by the church.

Art. 16. This Association may correspond by letter and delegates with the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and such other Associations as it may deem conducive to the iterests of the kingdom of our Lord.

Art. 17. This Association shall not receive for discussion or action from any source, any query or other matter which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of this body.

Art. 18. At each annual meeting of this body, it shall be the duty of the Moderator by and through the recommendation of the churches, and by and with the advice and consent of the Association, to appoint an Executive Committee, to be composed of one member from each church composing this body, and to name from the members so chosen a Chairman whose duty it shall be to call the members together and to preside during their deliberations.

Art. 19. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet at least once in each year, to inquire into the needs of the churches composing this Association, as to financial aid, to reccommend to the Convention Board of the Baptist State Convention such appropriations to needy churches as may be deemed necessary or advisable and to report their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

Art. 20. The minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be read for correction and information and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment, nad no meeting shall be adjourned until the business has been finished.

Art. 21. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this body, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

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